


Memo

To: Board of Managers
From: Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations 
CC: Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager
Date: 7/3/13
Re: Update on Capital and Infrastructure Upgrade Projects

Below please find an update on the various capital and infrastructure upgrade projects currently in-process and in the planning stage. As part of the July Board meeting, I will be presenting a comprehensive overview of all capital, infrastructure and utility upgrade projects:

Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Pedestrian Signal Request:

- In order to continue our push for a pedestrian-activated signal at Connecticut Avenue and Lenox, Street, I am in the process of setting up a follow-up meeting with SHA Administrator and other elected and State officials.
- Given everyone's summer travel schedule and executive nature of those we would like at the meeting, scheduling has proven difficult.
- My goal is still hold a meeting before the end of July.

Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Repaving (SHA):

- SHA has completed the re-bidding process. The winning contractor will be given a notice to proceed on September 2, 2013.
- Construction will get underway shortly after September 2.
- It is anticipated the contractor will focus its efforts on roadway patching, curb repairs, storm drain replacements and upgrades to the median through the fall and winter.
- At the conclusion of the project, spring 2014, the roadway will be repaved.
- Most work will be conducted during daytime hours however, the repaving operations in the spring will be conducted at night.

Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Tree Planting:

- SHA has forwarded a revised draft MOU for review and comment. The majority of the draft looks to be in order.
- Over the summer, I will be working with SHA to finalize language for Board approval in September and planting this fall season.

PEPCO:

- **Wiring/Infrastructure Upgrades:**
 - PEPCO has submitted plans to conduct upgrades to the last remaining electrical feeder serving the Village.
 - This feeder travels out of the District of Columbia and serves the far east side of the Village and portions of Oxford, Primrose and Quincy Street (between Connecticut Avenue and Brookville Road)
 - This round of upgrades will include the replacement of many old poles, transformers and more ruggedized primary and secondary electrical wires.
 - At this point a construction date has not been set.
- **Street Light Upgrades:**
 - No updates since last month's report.

Village Sidewalk Replacements:

- Under the Old Business section of the July meeting, I will provide an update on my conversation with the engineering firm that drafted the sidewalk detail.

Washington Gas:

- **Gas Main Replacements:**
 - Utility crews are continuing their work on Grafton Street.
 - The first push of new pipe is schedule for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.
 - Overall, residents have been very cooperative with crews and allowing access into their homes, when needed, to make required upgrades.
 - I had previously reported that as part of the project Washington Gas was planning to install a new pipe inside the sidewalk along Hesketh Street, rather than digging up the newly laid sidewalk.
 - Washington Gas has agreed to now install the new pipe within the roadway.
 - This will minimize the disturbance to private property.
 - The one drawback will be that road closures will be required within each days' work area.

- Notice has been sent to residents of Hesketh Street between the dead-end and Cedar Parkway.
- Construction is scheduled to get underway on or around July 15.
- Work is expected to last four (4) to five (5) months and will be coordinated with WSSC's water main replacements in the area.
- The gas mains on Grafton and Hesketh Streets were installed in the 1920's.

Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk (SHA):

- SHA had originally planned to hold a final public meeting on the proposed sidewalk plans within the next month.
- Due to summer anticipated travel schedules of SHA staff and interested residents, SHA has decided to hold the public meeting in September.
- Delaying the public meeting will not affect current construction timing. Currently, scheduled for late winter 2014.

WSSC:

• **Water Main Replacements/Relocations:**

- Phase #2 of WSSC's water main project is under way; crews are currently in the process of hooking residents on Grove St., Center St., portions of Western Ave., Cedar Pkwy. And Kirkside Drive to the new water main.
- WSSC will be shifting its operations to the second part of phase #2 replacements over the next 3 weeks.
- There have been no updates on Phase #3 replacements.

• **Sewer Main Rehabilitation:**

○ **Connecticut Avenue:**

- WSSC contractors have completed replacing a portion of the sewer main located under Connecticut Avenue, between Kirke and Lenox Streets
- The replacement was completed in only 4 nights.
- All that remains is to permanently pave the three (3) roadway cuts. Repairs should be completed the week of July 8.
- Work went very smoothly, with minimal complaints.

○ **Interior to the Village:**

- WSSC has completed its pre-job video survey of the sewer mains and services and are updated their plans.
- A final application submission is expected by mid-week.
- WSSC plans to begin its rehabilitation work within the Village shortly after permit approval.